

State to consider more funding for Arlington school

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State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and MSBA CEO Maureen Valente announced that the MSBA board of directors voted to invite Arlington High School into the MSBA's eligibility period.

During the 270-day eligibility period, the MSBA will work with the district's officials to determine the district's financial and community readiness to enter the MSBA Capital Pipeline.

The MSBA partners with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally-appropriate, flexible, sustainable and cost-effective public school facilities. Since its 2004 inception, the authority has made over 1,700 site visits to more than 250 school districts as part of its due diligence process and has made over \$12 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.

"The Board has voted Arlington High School into the eligibility period," Goldberg said. "The MSBA will continue to work collaboratively with the local officials to ensure the best outcome for the district's students."

The next step is for the district to complete preliminary requirements pertaining to local approval and formation of a local school building committee. Upon timely and successful completion of the eligibility period requirements, the district becomes eligible for an invitation into the feasibility study phase of the Capital Pipeline, subject to a vote of the board of directors.

"The eligibility period is a critical step in the MSBA's process of evaluating potential work on Arlington High School," Valente said. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the district as it enters the eligibility period."